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**REQUEST**

FOR

**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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| <i>Application Number</i>     | 09/936,786       | RCE |
| <i>Filing Date</i>            | February 8, 2002 | CO  |
| <i>First Named Inventor</i>   | MAJOR et al.     |     |
| <i>Group Art Unit</i>         | 1649             |     |
| <i>Examiner Name</i>          | R.C. Hayes       |     |
| <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | 2370-67          |     |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.**

- a.  Previously submitted (Note: Any previously filed unentered amendments will be entered unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).)
- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
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| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment         | 06/15/2006 FFAHAEIA 00000075 09936786 |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)             | 01 FC:1801                            |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) | 790.00 OP                             |
| iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                             |                                       |

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  Applicant claims "small entity" status.
- b.  Fees are attached as calculated below:
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| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)   | \$790.00 (1801)/\$395.00 (2801)                   | \$ 790.00 |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Petition is made to extend the due date  | months (less              months previously paid) | \$        |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |   | \$        |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.   |   |           |
| d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (credit card payment form attached) in the amount of \$ 790.00  |   |           |
| e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm), to Deposit Account No. 14-1140 |   |           |

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Name (Print Type) | Gary R. Tanigawa | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 43,180        |
| Signature         |                  | Date                              | June 14, 2006 |

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